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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SACRAMENTO DIVISION

CHRISTOPHER KOHLS, ET AL.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ROBERT A. BONTA, ET AL.,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-cv-02527-JAM-CKD

**STIPULATION FOR FURTHER AMENDED
STAY OF ENFORCEMENT OF AB 2655**

Judge: John A. Mendez

STIPULATION

1. On November 15, 2024, the Court entered an Order to Stay Enforcement of Assembly Bill ("AB") 2655 (Cal. Elec. Code §§ 20510-20520), whereby Defendants Rob Bonta and Shirley N. Weber were "ORDER[ED] . . . to stay of enforcement of AB 2655 during the 2024 election cycle, from January 1-4, 2025." Order to Stay Enforcement, *Kohls v. Bonta*, No. 2:24-cv-02527-JAM-CKD (E.D. Cal. Nov. 15, 2024), ECF 25 ("Stay of Enforcement").

2. As set forth in the Parties' Stipulation for An Amended Stay of Enforcement of AB 2655 (ECF 39):

a. The end date on the Stay of Enforcement was premised, in part, on the notion that there were no elections scheduled in California that would trigger the substantive provisions of AB 2655 until the 2026 electoral cycle.

b. On December 11, 2024, California Governor Gavin Newsom announced special elections for California Senate District 36 and California Assembly District 32 to fill new vacancies in those districts. See Governor Newsom proclaims special election for Senate District 36, Assembly District 32, Governor Gavin Newsom (Dec. 11, 2024), available at <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2024/12/11/governor-newsom->

1 proclaims-special-election-for-senate-district-36-
2 assembly-district-32/.

3 c. These special elections altered the premise upon which
4 the Stay of Enforcement was based, because they would
5 have triggered the substantive provisions of AB 2655.

6 d. Given this material change of circumstances, Defendants
7 agreed to stay enforcement of AB 2655 during the law's
8 operative dates for these special elections, through June
9 28, 2025. And given the Parties' Stipulation for An
10 Amended Stay of Enforcement of AB 2655 (ECF 39),
11 Plaintiffs agreed not to seek a preliminary injunction
12 staying enforcement of AB 2655. Plaintiffs reserved the
13 right to bring, and Defendants reserved their rights to
14 oppose, a motion for preliminary injunction or temporary
15 restraining order covering the period after June 28,
16 2025.

17 e. Defendants represented that they did not intend to
18 enforce the identification and reporting requirements of
19 AB 2655, including California Election Code §§ 20514(a)
20 and 20515(a), unless and until the law's other
21 requirements – those set forth in §§ 20513 and 20514 –
22 were triggered by an election in California that is
23 covered by AB 2655. Accordingly, Defendants agreed not
24 to enforce any identification and reporting requirements

1 of AB 2655, including §§ 20514(a) and 20515(a), until at
2 least June 29, 2025.

3 3. On January 3, 2025, the Court entered an Order Re:
4 Stipulation for Amended Stay of Enforcement of AB 2655 (ECF 40)
5 ("Amended Stay of Enforcement"), whereby the Stay of Enforcement
6 was extended through June 28, 2025.

7 4. On April 14, 2025, California Governor Gavin Newsom
8 announced a special election for California Assembly District 63
9 to fill a vacancy in that district. See Governor Newsom proclaims
10 special election for Assembly District 63 (Apr. 14, 2025),
11 available at [https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/04/14/special-election-](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/04/14/special-election-ad63/)
12 [ad63/](https://www.gov.ca.gov/2025/04/14/special-election-ad63/).

13 5. This special election alters the premise upon which the
14 Amended Stay of Enforcement was based, because it triggers the
15 substantive provisions of AB 2655.

16 6. Given this material change of circumstances, Defendants
17 now agree to stay enforcement of AB 2655 during the law's operative
18 dates for this special election, through October 25, 2025.

19 7. Given this stipulation, Plaintiffs will not seek a
20 preliminary injunction staying enforcement of AB 2655. Plaintiffs
21 reserve the right to bring, and Defendants reserve their rights to
22 oppose, a motion for preliminary injunction or temporary
23 restraining order covering the period after October 25, 2025.
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1 8. Defendants represent that they do not intend to enforce
2 the identification and reporting requirements of AB 2655, including
3 California Election Code §§ 20514(a) and 20515(a), unless and until
4 the law's other requirements – those set forth in §§ 20513 and
5 20514 – are triggered by an election in California that is covered
6 by AB 2655. Accordingly, Defendants will not enforce any
7 identification and reporting requirements of AB 2655, including §§
8 20514(a) and 20515(a), until at least October 26, 2025.

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Before the Court are Plaintiff X Corp., Plaintiff Christopher Kohls, Plaintiffs The Babylon Bee, LLC and Kelly Chang Rickert, Plaintiffs Rumble Inc. and Rumble Canada Inc., and Defendants Rob Bonta and Shirley N. Weber's stipulation for a further amended stay of enforcement of Assembly Bill ("AB") 2655 (Cal. Elec. Code §§ 20510-20520). The Court thus hereby ORDERS:

1. Defendants Rob Bonta and Shirley N. Weber to stay enforcement of AB 2655 in its entirety, including §§ 20514(a) and 20515(a), through October 25, 2025.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 24, 2025

/s/ John A. Mendez

THE HONORABLE JOHN A. MENDEZ

SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE